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EVENING EDITION.

For the present, and until we can secure a more convenient room for the purpose, the business office of the "Rebel" will be in the third story of the building occupied by Monk, Edwards & Co. We hope to be able to get a more convenient location in a few days.

Our Exchanges.

Will confer a favor by changing the address of their papers from Griffin, Ga., to Selma, Ala. Prompt attention to this request will place us under obligations.

The Governor's Message.

We give up the greater portion of our available space this morning to Govt. Watt's Message. It is an important document, and makes a thorough expose of the condition of State and national affairs, and we presume will be read with interest by every citizen of Alabama. We do not know that our space could be better employed.

A large black trunk, containing ladies' apparel, was lost or stolen from the steamer *Athenaeum*, at the Government wharf, yesterday morning. The trunk belonged to Mrs. Wm. Brasfield, Jr., whose name was marked upon it. One thousand dollars reward will be paid for the delivery of the trunk to its owner.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA.

November 17, 1864.

To the General Assembly of the State of Alabama:

I greet you, on assembling in regular annual session, with the hope that your session may be harmonious; that your deliberation may be guided by wisdom, and that your action may respond to the welfare and glory of the State.

In discharging the duty enjoined by the Constitution on the Governor, it affords me pleasure to say, that during the past year, during the most trying year with regard to our people, generally, we have been to you, and to thank that the severer of all good still graciously smiles on us.

Since your last session, events of no ordinary magnitude have marked the progress of our history. In the war with the United States, and the Confederate States, we have had the usual accompaniments of such a struggle, and have called to mourn the death of many of Alabama's noble sons on the field of strife. We have the consolation to know that Alabama's name and fame have not been tarnished in a single battle. In this effort to establish on the firm basis of right, government, Alabama has just cause to be proud of her gallant soldiers who have made it the nation's boast.

Let us pray God, that he will incline the hearts of our enemies to countenance the ways of peace; that they may see the folly of their fierce of the vain attempts to deprive us of our liberties, and that they may know that, notwithstanding they evaded us, can they on we hope to have the blessing of peace restored to our bleeding land.

Let us pray God, that he will continue to meet the legal aspirations of man, so that your last annual session, it would be necessary to call bonds of the State or issue State Treasury notes. The act of the 9th of December, 1863, gave to the Governor direction to issue State bonds to the amount of the balance due might be met by the Comptroller or Treasurer of the state.

Respectfully invite your attention to the Quarterly General's report, herewith submitted, to have your attention to the condition of the State Bank and Branches, according to the last reports made by the commissioners, and the attorneys having them in charge, a large outstanding sum yet remained unclaimed and unapplied to date, to collect which it would be appropriate to dispose, in some speedy mode, of the balance of these assets. Apart from the continuance of the collection and final disposition of these assets, there is little to be done. Your attention to the amount of the interest on the balance due might be met by the Comptroller or Treasurer of the state.

Respectfully invite your attention to the Quarterly General's report, herewith submitted, to have your attention to the condition of the State Bank and Branches, according to the last annual session of the Legislature. The amount of salt which was largely increased at the last annual session of the Legislature. The amount of salt which has been purchased and distributed is shown thereby. Many contracts for making salt, the cost of salt and salt glands, of course, are to be paid, and the little revenue left, released from these contracts. Many of the contractors have been, in good faith, attempting to comply with their obligations. They have been frequently interrupted by predators, and other causes, and in many instances the salt has been, however, destroyed. I have been endeavoring to have proper military protection given to these salt makers on the coast of Mobile. Just before the attack on the harbor of Mobile, in August last, had prepared a company of troops commanded by Capt. J. M. Keppel of the 1st Battalion of Artillery, to go to the salt works, and to protect the salt companies from the Confederacy authority.

Not knowing at what price the bonds of the State could be sold, and whether such price, payable in Confederate Treasury notes, it would be advisable to accept, I deemed it prudent to prepare for the sale of both bonds and Treasury notes. After several months of much preparation, it was determined that the public money in hand, is insufficient for the State to furnish protection to all salt makers, outside the limits of the State.

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